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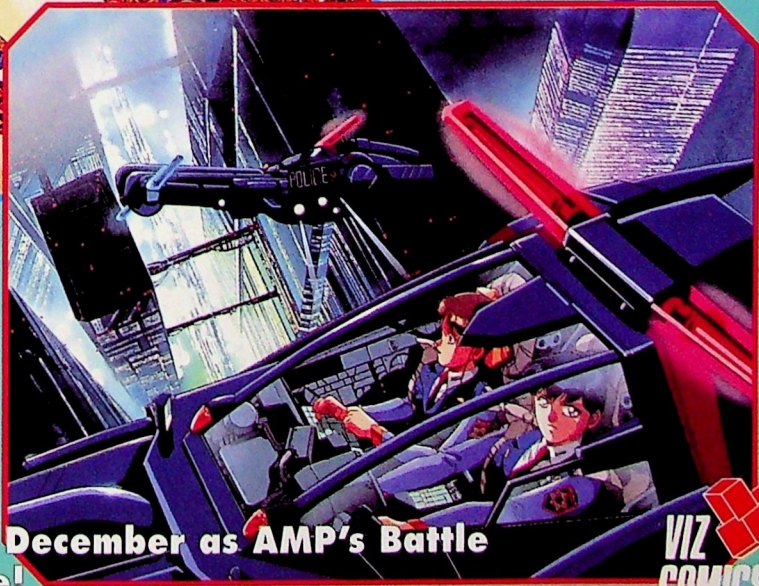
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PART FIVE

Snow Flurries and a New Chief Expected this December as AMP's Battle Against the Entities Grows Even More Intense!



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RANMA 1/2, "Desperately Seeking Shampoo"

(1 of 1)

two OAV episodes per tape
in English (dubbed)
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BRAND-NEW RANMA OAVS SCHEDULED FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PACIFIC!

First announced in the July issue of ANIMERICA, ANIME & MANGA MONTHLY, the first two-episode volume in the new RANMA 1/2 OAV series is scheduled for release starting this December, according to Viz Comics Managing Editor Satoru Fujii.

"One of the nicest things about this new OAV series is that it will be released in both the U.S. and Japan simultaneously," says Fujii. "English-speaking fans will be able to enjoy Ranma's antics at the same time as the fans in Japan."

Based on the manga series of the same name by manga wunderkind Rumiko Takahashi, RANMA 1/2 was first animated in 1989 and ended its 161-episode weekly half-hour run on September 25, 1992, prompting the extension of

the series via the OAV format in response to viewer demand.

In the first episode of the new series, Shampoo's great-grandmother Cologne decides to give Shampoo her choice of one item from a huge pile of jewelry. When Shampoo chooses a magical brooch which can turn hate to love and vice versa, her sudden hostility toward a dumbfounded and confused Ranma causes unexpected mayhem. Will Ranma experience his own reversal of emotion?

"Although the story format and pacing of the OAVs is quite similar to that of the television episodes, the OAV animation quality is far superior," says Fujii. "(The new OAV series) will give fans a whole new way to look at their favorite RANMA characters."

Each OAV in the planned three-volume RANMA 1/2 series will be presented in a theatrical-quality 35 mm format and is recorded in digital hi-fi stereo. Suggested retail price for the 50-minute OAV is listed at \$34.95.

IN THIS VOLUME:

Ranma thinks he hates Akane. Akane thinks she hates Ranma. Shampoo loves Ranma. Mousse loves Shampoo. What happens when Shampoo starts to hate Ranma...? Was it really an accident that Shampoo happened to choose that particular piece of magical jewelry from great-grandmother Cologne's collection? Also includes a special Christmas episode. The martial arts sex comedy continues in this brand-new OAV series!

Viz Select Comics

MERMAID FOREST #1

(1 of 4)

story & art by Rumiko Takahashi
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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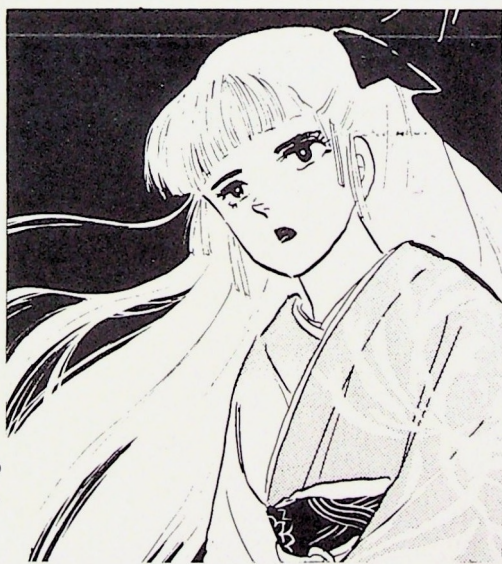
NOW A MONTHLY MINI-SERIES! THE TERRIFYING CONCLUSION TO THE UNIQUELY MACABRE SERIES BY RUMIKO TAKAHASHI!

Originally published as one of two manga features in ANIMERICA, ANIME & MANGA MONTHLY, Rumiko Takahashi's uniquely macabre MERMAID FOREST will become a Viz Select Comic starting this December.

Partake of the mermaid's flesh, the legend says, and you'll live forever. But what happens when you don't want to be immortal anymore? As immortal companions Yuta and Mana discover, living forever isn't necessarily a good thing. Loneliness, unhappiness and greed are only a few of the issues faced by the eternally young and beautiful pair, who journey from place to place searching for a way to live a "normal" life.

"Rather than watch the series be canceled when it's replaced by LUM * URU-SEI YATSURA in December, we decided to give MERMAID FOREST its own monthly title," says Editor Trish Ledoux. "It's a terrific series, and the taste which our readers got in ANIMERICA is only the tip of the iceberg. Takahashi's still got so much story left to tell."

MERMAID'S SCAR, the second graph-



ic novel released in Japan in Takahashi's Mermaid Saga, is a compilation of the fourth to seventh chapters in the story. The animated version of the series' eponymous sixth chapter is scheduled for release as an English-dubbed OAV from Viz Video in November. MERMAID FOREST was released dubbed in English by New York-based U.S. Manga Corps last March.

The first 32-page issue of the MERMAID FOREST monthly mini-series will be printed in black and white. The series is scheduled to ship on December 7 and will retail for \$2.75 USA/\$3.75 CAN.

IN THIS ISSUE:

Mana is injured in a traffic accident and hospitalized. Yuta becomes frantic when a doctor tells him that the unconscious patient has disappeared. Meanwhile, Mana awakens to find herself in a dilapidated mansion surrounded by an ancient forest where the corpse of a mermaid is said to be buried.... Continuing the uniquely macabre series by Rumiko Takahashi.

Viz Select Comics

SILENT MÖBIUS PART FIVE, #1

(1 of 6)

story & art by Kia Asamiya
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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NEW ALLIES AND A NEW ENEMY—PART FIVE BEGINS A WHOLE NEW BATTLE FOR THE MEMBERS OF AMP!

The continuing popularity of the SILENT MÖBIUS

English manga series, coupled with the nationwide screening of the SILENT MÖBIUS animated movie, has convinced Viz Comics to begin publishing PART FIVE immediately after PART FOUR, according to Viz Comics Managing Editor Satoru Fujii.

Fujii says that the first two chapters of PART FIVE will introduce AMP's new chief, an old friend of Nami's sister, Nana. The replacement for former Chief Rally, Chief Isozaki, will use her formidable abilities to lead AMP against a new enemy determined to take over Nami's body. In PART FIVE's final chapter, Yuki will accidentally travel through time to visit modern-day Tokyo, where she will become involved in romance.

The first 32-page issue of SILENT MÖBIUS PART FIVE will be printed in b&w and is scheduled to ship on December 14. Suggested retail price is \$2.75 USA/\$3.75 CAN.



IN THIS ISSUE:

Rosa fails to bring Rally back to Nemesis and the entities begin a new plan of attack. After Katsumi and Robert DeVice are visited by another entity, the other members of A.M.P. corner it while a mysterious woman makes her way to the scene. Is she ally or new enemy...? It's a brand-new mini-series featuring your favorite belles with spells!

RANMA 1/2 PART THREE, #1

(1 of 13)

story & art by Rumiko Takahashi
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
\$2.75 USA/\$3.75 CAN

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THE WACKINESS CONTINUES WITH SOME HILARIOUS NEW CHARACTERS IN RANMA 1/2 PART THREE!

Some wacky new characters will make their debut in RANMA 1/2 PART THREE starting in December, revealed Viz Comics Associate Editor Toshifumi Yoshida recently.

"With the incredible popularity this series is enjoying at the moment, we thought it would be safest for all of us if we released PART THREE right after PART TWO, instead of taking a short break as we'd originally planned," says Yoshida laughingly.

In PART THREE, readers will meet several hilarious new characters including Gosunkugi, a terminally morose young man with a terrible crush on Akane; Cologne, Shampoo's great-grandmother and world-class martial artist; in addition to Mousse, near-sighted childhood sweetheart of Shampoo and consequently, Ranma's new arch-rival.

"We had no idea (RANMA 1/2) would ever become this popular," says Viz Comics Executive Seiji



Horibuchi. "In addition to the monthly manga series, we'll soon be releasing the television series, a new OAV series, as well as a RANMA 1/2 video game for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System—all in English! RANMA 1/2 has turned into a bonafide phenomenon."

RANMA 1/2 PART THREE, #1 will be printed with 32 black and white pages and is scheduled to ship on December 14. The new series will retail for \$2.75 USA/\$3.75 CAN.

IN THIS ISSUE:

In this continuation of the bestselling series by URUSEI YATSURA and MAISON IKKOKU creator Rumiko Takahashi, some wacky new characters join the ever-expanding cast. When a new rival for Akane's affections teams up with poetry-spouting sword master Tatewaki Kuno, Ranma's unexpected weakness is suddenly revealed.... Yin and yang were never so much fun!

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM 0083 #2

(2 of 13)

illustrated with actual cels from the OAV series
monthly, color, 48 pages, deluxe square-bound
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GRAND THEFT GUNDAM!

When surviving Zeon forces from the One-Year War spirit a prototype Gundam unit out from beneath the very noses of the Federation, untried test pilot Kou Uraki must "commandeer" the remaining prototype and bring to justice the man they call the "Nightmare of Solomon," veteran Zeon pilot Anavel Gato!



Viz Manga Heroes

VENGER ROBO #2

(2 of 7)

story by Go Nagai
art by Ken Ishikawa
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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A FIGHT AGAINST THE DEADLY METAL-BEAST IS A TRUE TEST FOR A WOULD-BE VENGER ROBO PILOT GO ICHIMONJI!

After the eventful day at the track and field competition, Go is visited once again by an unwelcome visitor. This time, it's not the mysterious Hayato Jin but a deadly "metal-beast" sent to kill him! Make your stand, Go...or die! The newly updated classic from the manga master of the macabre, Go Nagai!



Anime & Manga Monthly

ANIMERICA, December '93

(Vol. 1, No. 10)

monthly, color and b&w, 64 pages
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VOTED "BEST ANIME/MANGA PUBLICATION" BY THE ATTENDEES OF ANIME EXPO '93!

It's RANMA 1/2 à go-go! Look for not one but two interviews this month, when we talk to long-time Takahashi editor KATSUYA SHIRAI, as well as voice-actor MEGUMI HAYASHIBARA (the voice of female Ranma)! Other features include a special preview of RANMA 1/2 PART THREE, the return of the URUSEI YATSURA manga series, as well as a special holiday season cover!

Viz Select Comics

BATTLE ANGEL ALITA PART THREE, #2

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story & art by Yukito Kishiro
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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MEET THE NEW QUEEN OF THE ROLLER DERBY—ALITA!

Desperately trying to forget her lost Hugo, Alita leaves behind her old "berserker body" and adopts one better suited to her new life as queen of the motorball circuit. Has she left her feelings for Ido along with her old body...? How will Ido cope with the fact that his beloved battle angel may no longer exist...? Continuing the adventures of America's newer, tougher manga sweetheart!

Viz Select Comics

MAISON IKKOKU #7

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story & art by Rumiko Takahashi
monthly, b&w, 40 pages
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FINAL ISSUE OF PART ONE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT ROMANCE!

Much to Yusaku's happiness, Kyoko asks if she can go to his college festival where Yusaku's club will be sponsoring a puppet show for local children. When it turns out that Yusaku and Kyoko have to put on the show by themselves, will Kyoko's proximity cause Yusaku to fall apart? The heartwarming domestic comedy by RANMA 1/2 creator Rumiko Takahashi.

Viz Manga Heroes

BIO-BOOSTER ARMOR GUYVER #3

(3 of 12)

story & art by Yoshiki Takaya
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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MY GUYVER, MY SELF!

As Sho and Tetsuro slowly discover more and more details about the Guyver, Kronos launches a new operation to capture Sho and the Guyver unit! To make matters worse, Sho and Tetsuro are attacked at school by Zoanoids and the deadliest of enemies...another Guyver! Now a bestselling OAV series from L.A. Hero/U.S. Renditions!

Viz Premiere Comics

SANCTUARY PART THREE, #8

(8 of 9)

story by Sho Fumimura
art by Ryoichi Ikegami
monthly, b&w, 72 pages
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POLITICAL SCANDAL AND YAKUZA WAR—IT'S A SLICE OF LIFE, SANCTUARY-STYLE!

Asami and his ally Sengoku try to unearth details regarding political boss Isaoka's huge profits and the reason why Sengoku's father committed suicide. Meanwhile, the Sannoh Society—Japan's largest yakuza syndicate—has sent its number two man to give Hojo his last chance to stop all-out yakuza war! Real-world headlines come to life in this must-read manga.

Viz Premiere Comics are intended for mature readers and will sometimes contain adult situations and strong language.

Viz Select Comics

PIXY JUNKET #6

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story & art by PURE
monthly, b&w, 32 pages
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THE THRILLING FINAL ISSUE! SECRET OF THE PIXY WORLD REVEALED!

In this final installment of PIXY JUNKET, Pixy & Co. must confront the true identities of Shiella, Pacifica and the pixy world itself! The group must also cope with a demon who's "stowed away" on their voyage, now following them down the astral cloud. In the tradition of Masamune Shirow's APPLESEED.

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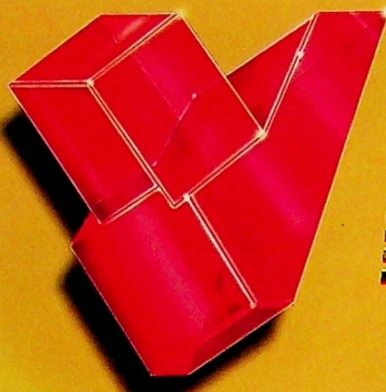
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